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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: BALTIC GOLD

1. FINANCE MINISTRY (MUELLER - URI) HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE BANK FOR INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENTS (BIS) IS CURRENTLY CONSIDERING A REQUEST FROM THE USSR THAT THE BOARD RECOGNIZE THE SOVIET CLAIM TO THE GOLD AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF ESTONIA, LITHUANIA, AND LATVIA WHICH ARE ON DEPOSIT WITH THE BIS.

2. OUR SOURCE BELIEVES THAT THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THAT THE BIS WILL RECOGNIZE THE SOVIET CLAIM. THE FINANCE MINISTRY HERE ARGUES THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE BALTIC STATES SHOULD AT LEAST BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THEIR CASE TO THE BIS.

3. OUR SOURCE REQUESTED USG POSITION AS WELL AS ADDRESS OF ANY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BALTIC STATES IN EUROPE.

4. WE ASSURED THE FINANCE MINISTRY THAT THE DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BALTIC STATES IN THE US ARE PERMITTED ACCESS TO BALTIC STATE GOVERNMENT MONEY ON DEPOSIT IN THE US AND THAT THEY ACTIVELY REPRESENT
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THEIR COUNTRIES' INTERESTS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE FORWARD STATEMENT OF US
POSITION WHICH WE CAN GIVE TO THE FINANCE MINISTRY.
OUR SOURCE WAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO APPROACH US, SO PLEASE
PROTECT.
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